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Fred De Forest



Hi Folks

Movin' time ain't much fun,—mighty glad the task's all done. Lookin' ahead to sunny May, and hopin' it'll be that way! To latest varieties to bloom this year, from Sable Night to Privateer. Think there'll be many a reason for enjoyment of this Iris Season. Best Wishes to your garden, too, and may we hear again from you.

Fred DeForest

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Canby, Oregon

This and That

No doubt some one could write a romantic tale of our "travels" in '54, but will spare you the details! and say only that we are happy to be in this Canby district, and like our new location.

From the garden there is a fine view of Mt. Hood. And our neighbors grow everything from acres of asparagus to pansies. Including dahlias, lilies, roses, chrysanthemums and gladiolus. We are across the way from a large planting of dahlias, and the color display all summer is gorgeous.

On the road to the Morgan-Beattie garden, we pass the Ellis pansy and primrose planting. Another block or two, and it's Mrs. Oliver's "Pansy Basket." The Gladiolus Show in Canby is famous. Then add to all this the fact that we are only a few minutes drive from Daffodil Haven, and you can pardon our enthusiasm.

I'm writing this on a bright day in February, by a window overlooking a vista of fine old trees and picturesque farm buildings. And in the garden, the Iris are several inches high, husky-looking, and showing every indication of excellent increase. Weather permitting, there will be a good display, and hope you will be along this way.

Our garden is located only a short distance off Ferry Road. Coming from Canby, (out North Holly Street) turn left at the Canby Ferry sign. Straight ahead on this road, then around three short turns, and on to the second place on the right.

The soil here is excellent, and may be worked during any month of the year, which more than revolutionizes our work—allowing more time for the hybridizing, or just enjoying the view.

The Region 13 meeting will be held in Oregon this season, and we are told that everyone is grateful that our planting is now so accessible. Happy to oblige!

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The American Iris Society

3902 Hillsboro Road

NASHVILLE, TENNESSE

Annual Membership, \$4.00

1955 Introductions

- NIGHT 'N DAY.** From top to bottom of the color plate. Standards, palest "Hortense Violet" (Ridgway). Falls, "Fluorite Violet" overlaid velvety black. A near-amoena in violet, rather than the usual "blue" combination. Flowers are large and smooth, on a tall, well-branched stalk. A distinct variety. \$30.00
- RANCHERO.** A brown self. By comparison, the nearest to true brown. Iridescent flowers are large, of flaring form, with wide standards and falls. Color in Ridgway, between "Sudan" and "Amber." Three flowers out at once, well displayed on a 38-inch stalk. \$15.00
- COUNTRY EDITOR.** This very large, tall, all-yellow ground sister seedling of "By Line" has wide, rounded falls of deep yellow, lightly marked brown. Wide standards. Well displayed on a 40-inch stalk. \$20.00
- ELYSIAN.** Evenly spaced on a 38-inch stalk, the extra large, ruffled flowers are very attractive. A self of light "Sulphine Yellow," by Ridgway. The standards measure 3x3 inches. The flaring, ruffled falls 3x3½ inches, with seven inch spread. Excellent substance. While the variety has no plicata markings, it is from pollen of a lemon-chrome colored seedling of Blue Shimmer, on Cloudcap. \$20.00
- CORALLINA.** Real substance and good form in a medium sized tangerine bearded pink. Not over 30 inches tall. It has been termed the brightest pink of all. Crossed with Cloudcap, it produced very interesting results. Corallina is a seedling of Carabella by pollen of Pink Sensation. \$10.00
- ELFIN TRACERY.** Crisp white of rounded form, good substance, and lace-like edge on standards and falls. Falls are wide, with a bright yellow haft. Wide, closed standards. The large flowers are well-spaced on a 36-inch stalk. From pink-blend seedling and Pinnacle. \$10.00
- CANBY SUNSET.** We enjoy especially beautiful sunsets here, whether looking East toward the changing colors on Mt. Hood or toward the western sky beyond the Molalla. Soft shades of apricot-flamingo, as in this Iris variety, which has the best form and substance, I believe, of any of these "apricot" hues from pink breeding. Vigorous grower. Tall stalk. The fine, large flowers of "Warm Buff" (Ridgway) are shaded salmon-pink on the styles, hafts, and center of standards. Near self-beard, rather than the bright red. Closed standards. \$10.00

Recent DeForest Originations

ARGUS PHEASANT—

(1948) Large, smooth, flaring flowers of golden Argus brown, on a tall, well-branched stalk. Award of Merit 1950. **Dykes Medal, 1952.** In fourth place in the "100 Best" for 1954. **\$2.50**

AL BORAK—

(1952) A very large russet-copper flower having wide, spreading falls with extremely wide hafts. From an entirely different line of breeding, as this variety has neither Casa Morena nor Tobacco Road in its pedigree. Honorable Mention, 1952. **\$9.00**

BLACK ORCHID—

(1950) Large, flaring, dark purple flower on tall stalk. Parent of Texas Way. **\$2.50**

BLUE SNOWFLAKE—

(1953) Flowers well displayed on a tall, sturdy stalk. Standards of this variety slightly tinted blue on white ground, and interestingly lined deeper blue. Falls dark violet-blue. Pattern of standards makes this variety distinct. **\$15.00**

BRIGHT GEM—

(1953) By Ridgway, color is golden Kaiser brown and Hays Russet, with falls overlaid Morocco Red. Wide, rounded falls, with smooth, wide haft. Late blooming. **\$15.00**

BY-LINE—

(1954) Height 40 inches and over. Excellent branching. Standards, Corinthian Purple (Ridgway). Falls, yellow heavily bordered with color of the standards. No. 5-47B is the parent of this interesting new plicata of real size, form and substance. **\$20.00**

CANYON SKY—

(1954) Height 33 inches. Closed standards of pale Campanula blue. (Ridgway). Falls, mulberry purple, darkening to deep violet at the bronzed beard. The bright bronzed hafts of this variety make it distinctive. The semi-flaring falls are bordered with color of the standards. A clump is very colorful. **\$15.00**

CAPTAIN FROM CASTILE—

(1951) Rich, yellow-ground pli-cata, with brownish markings. Standards and styles flushed reddish-brown. Tall stalk. A favorite with plicata fans. Honorable Mention 1952. **\$3.50**

CAROLINE JANE—

(1951) This beautiful, clean flower of glistening white, tinted and marked with light blue violet, is much admired and has been praised as "the finest of all" in this color class. Very large, ruffled flowers on a tall, well-branched stalk. Honorable Mention, 1951. **\$9.00**

CASA MORENA—

(1943) Large, chestnut brown blend. Award of Merit, 1946. Parent of Argus Pheasant. **\$1.00**

CLEAR SAILING—

(1950) This is a distinct and different yellow. A clear, clean "Pinard Yellow" by Ridgway, with deeper coloring at the haft. excellent form and substance. Honorable Mention 1950. **\$3.50**

CLOUDCAP—

(1950) The largest and tallest of all the tangerine-bearded pinks. One enthusiastic Iris grower writes,—"the finest of all varieties, in my Oklahoma garden." Award of Merit 1953. **\$6.00**

Recent DeForest Originations

COLONEL PRIMROSE—

(1951) A sparkling lemon chrome flower, with horizontal, ruffled falls. Excellent substance. From Ola Kala and Tobacco Road. **\$5.00**

comment: "Frances Kent still the most outstanding for lovely color and all good qualities." Award of Merit 1954.

\$7.50

COLOR CARNIVAL—

(1949) Startling color contrast. Bright pink, with tangerine beard and conspicuous purple haft. Honorable Mention 1950. **\$2.50**

FORT SILL—

(1955) Bright golden Dresden brown and Honey Yellow, with wide, flaring falls. Heavy brown beard. Well-branched 36-inch stalk. **\$7.50**

COPPER RIVER—

(1945) Tan ground; falls overlaid copper. An interesting parent. One of its offspring being the well-liked new variety, Al Borak. **\$1.00**

GALA FINALE—

(1950) One of the brightest of the plicata group. Deep yellow ground, heavily marked and flushed "Indian Red." Honorable Mention 1952. **\$3.50**

EBONY ISLE—

(1949) Rich, smooth flower of darkest red purple, with black overlay. No haft markings. Honorable Mention 1950. **\$2.50**

GARNET FLAME—

(1952) Bi-tone of golden russet and bright garnet brown. Brilliant and outstanding in our worst weather. **\$5.00**

ENVoy—

(1948) Another rich, dark one. Wide, nearest to black falls. Smooth haft. **\$3.00**

GAY BORDER—

(1949) Tall plicata. White ground, heavily shaded and stitched rosy maroon. Honorable Mention 1949. **\$1.50**

FIRST VIOLET—

(1952) Large, ruffled flowers, well spaced on a tall, sturdy stalk. Self of clean, sparkling "Manganese Violet." Wide, clean haft. A new color break. Honorable Mention, 1953. **\$20.00**

GOLDEN PLOVER—

(1951) This large, smooth, golden tan is well spaced on a 38-inch stalk. Honorable Mention 1951. **\$5.00**

FRANCES KENT—

(1951) An outstanding and distinct variety. One of the most fascinating to come from tangerine-bearded breeding. The standards of this variety are chartreuse cream, flushed pink. Falls cream, with pinkish-tangerine beard. A favorite with connoisseurs. From Pennsylvania, this

GOLDENDALE—

(1953) A clean yellow flower with center flush of bright "orange." **\$7.50**

GYPSY CLASSIC—

(1950) A flaring, smooth flower of henna and golden brown, having gold styles and bright orange beard. Classic form and excellent substance. Honorable mention 1952. **\$5.00**

Recent DeForest Originations

HONOR BRIGHT—

(1951) Chrome yellow ground plicata, with center of falls white. Honorable Mention 1951.

\$3.50

attractive blue blaze on the falls.
Good form, and substance on a
tall stalk.

\$1.50

INDIAN NATION—

(1952) Red and brown blend, named after the Oklahoma song. A tall variety with flowers having an enamel-like finish.

\$5.00

LURA—

(1952) This is a very large flower, on a tall stalk. Ruffled, flaring falls. Violet blend, with brown infusion, and blue blaze on falls.

\$7.50

IRISH CHARM—

(1952) Sky blue over a white ground. Leather-like substance, with satin sheen. Charmingly ruffled, and horizontal falls.

\$7.50

MARJIE—

(1950) Medium sized, very ruffled deep yellow. Eleven to seventeen flowers on a well-branched stalk.

\$2.50

JAVA JEWEL—

(1951) By Ridgway, a bright "Old Gold." Iridescent, smooth flower of excellent form and substance that takes any weather, and blooms over a long period.

\$5.00

MARSALA—

(1951) "Persian Rose" self, with tangerine-red beard. Good size, form and substance.

\$7.50

LAKE SHANNON—

(1945) Graceful flower of medium blue, with self beard. Honorable Mention 1946.

\$1.00

MELODIST—

(1946) Henna blend. Honorable Mention 1947.

\$1.25

LANTANA—

(1945) Very brilliant variety difficult to describe. Tan ground, flushed with hues of the golden lantana. Tall.

\$15.00

NEW HOPE—

(1950) A crisp, ruffled, heavily patterned white ground plicata. Tall, with excellent branching. Parent of Caroline Jane. Honorable Mention 1951.

\$3.00

LINA BETH—

(1954) Height 36 inches, with excellent branching. Large, crisp flowers measuring to seven inches. From tangerine-bearded pink breeding, it is a delicately tinted white with pinkish beard.

\$20.00

NIGHT STORM—

(1954) A quiet, yet noticeable variegata. Bronzed standards, changing to golden Anilene Yellow (Ridgway). Falls velvety blackish purple. Orange beard. From Black and Gold + Red Torch.

\$8.00

LOCKWOOD—

(1947) One of the brightest of the brown-red blends, having an

ORELIO—

(1947) Bright brown-red, on tall stalk. Honorable Mention 1948.

\$1.00

Recent DeForest Originations

PLUM PRETTY—

(1949) A trim, smooth, plum-colored self of excellent substance. Color "Grape" in color chart. Honorable Mention 1950.

\$2.50

REHOBETH—

(1953) And now we've arrived at "Peace in the Valley." So right for this pale sky blue "soul satisfying" variety. The flowers have a satin-like sheen, and measure seven inches, and more. Excellent form and substance. The quality of this Iris must be seen to be fully appreciated. Honorable Mention 1954.\$25.00

RODEO—

(1947) Very large plicata. Brighter color than Tiffanja, one of its parents. Honorable Mention 1949.

\$1.50

SERGEANT BUCK—

(1953) From Casa Morena and Melodist, this is one of the very brightest of brown blends. \$10.00

SPARKIE—

(1953) Intriguing variety from plicata breeding. One might say "exotic." Standards flushed Prussian Red. Falls, cadmium yellow, deeper in the center, and heavily lined and bordered Prussian Red. The beard is orange-brown, extending far out on the falls, and continued as a brown line to the border. Photogenic!

\$7.50

SPRING SONNET—

(1953) Large flowers, having white standards and cream-yellow falls. Tall, well-branched stalk. Tangerine-bearded pinks in its pedigree.

\$15.00

TEDEW—

(1954) Iridescent golden tan and "lime green." Ruffled falls, with center of blue-lavender.

\$15.00

TEXAS WAY—

(1954) And this dark one is big! Wide, rounded falls, nearly horizontal. Wide, closed standards. Like its parent, Black Orchid, it can take the weather.

\$20.00

THREE SISTERS—

(1941) Color contrast of creamy yellow standards and violet-red falls.

\$1.00

TIFFANJA—

(1942) Colonial Buff, with wide white falls. Plicata pattern light brown. Award of Merit 1946.60

WHITE PRAIRIES—

(1954) Tall white, with wide standards, and wide, rounded falls. Pale yellow beard. The very large, flaring flowers have excellent substance and are well displayed on a 40-inch, perfectly branched stalk. Parentage: Helen McGregor + [(Snow Furry + Silver Susie) + Chivalry]. \$12.00

Specials

NO. 1. Select from this group, three or more varieties,—one of a kind, to be shipped Postpaid at **ONE-THIRD OFF THE LIST PRICE.** Thus: one each of Argus Pheasant, Black Orchid and Plum Pretty, list value \$7.50, will be sent for \$5.00.

Argus Pheasant	\$ 2.50	Java Jewel	\$ 5.00
Black Orchid	2.50	New Hope	3.00
Capt. from Castile	3.50	Paradise Pink	5.00
Clear Sailing	3.50	Pink Formal	4.00
Color Carnival	2.50	Pink Sensation	5.00
Envoy	3.00	Plum Pretty	2.50
Gala Finale	3.50	Sunset Blaze	2.00

When ordering from the above group, a selection for which we would receive \$18.00 or over (list price, \$27.00 or more) select one of the following, extra.

Fort Sill Golden Plover Gypsy Classic Party Dress

NO. 2. Select from this group, five or more varieties,—one of a kind, to be shipped Postpaid at **ONE-THIRD OFF THE LIST PRICE.**

Al Borak	\$ 9.00	Helen Collingwood	\$ 7.50
Caroline Jane	9.00	Maytime	9.00
Castle Rock	10.00	Sgt. Buck	10.00
Cloudcap	6.00	Sparkie	7.50
Frances Kent	7.50	Thotmes III	7.50
Irish Charm	7.50	Truly Yours	10.00

When ordering from Group 2, a selection for which you would send \$35.00 or over (list value not less than \$54.00), select an additional \$10.00 list value from Group 1. For instance, one Java Jewel (\$5.00) and one Pink Sensation (\$5.00) could be had as extras with your Group 2 selection.

Selected List

BALLERINA—

(Hall 1951) Ruffled, wide-petaled light pink. Award of Merit. 1953. \$5.00

CASTLE ROCK—

(Loomis 1953) Fine white and blue plicata. H.M. 1953. \$5.00

CHAR-MAIZE—

(Lyon 1949) Unusual greenish yellow of good form and substance. Award of Merit 1952. \$5.00

CHINESE WHITE—

(McKee 1952) Large ruffled white; wide petals. Honorable Mention 1952. \$8.00

CHIVALRY—

(Wills 1944) Superb medium blue. Dykes Medal 1947. \$1.00

COLUMBIA—

(Tompkins 1952) Fine form in medium blue. Honorable Mention 1952. \$12.00

HALLMARK—

(Hall 1954) Large, smooth flower in the color range of Melody Lane. Honorable Mention 1954. \$20.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY—

(Hall 1952) Very popular tangerine-bearded pink. Award of Merit 1954. \$8.00

HELEN COLLINGWOOD—

(Smith 1949) Standards white, tinted blue. Falls, violet. Award of Merit 1952. \$7.50

HELEN McGREGOR—

(Graves 1946) A classic in pale blue. Dykes Medal 1949. \$1.50

INCA CHIEF—

(Mitsch 1952) A very fine golden bronze. Award of Merit 1954. \$10.00

MARY RANDALL—

(Fay 1951) A sensation in rosy orchid with tangerine beard. Fine form and substance. Dykes Medal 1954. \$15.00

MASKED BALL—

(Buss 1949) Unusual plicata, having white falls, with dark blue-purple standards. Honorable Mention 1952. \$1.75

MAY HALL—

(Hall 1954) Mr. Hall considers this to be the top variety of his long line of pinks. Very large flower. Honorable Mention 1954. \$25.00

MAYTIME—

(Whiting 1950) Very large, tall, pink bi-color. Award of Merrit 1953. \$9.00

MORNING BRIGHT—

(Cook 1951) Bi-tone of creamy buff and old rose. Honorable Mention 1952. \$6.00

NATIVE DANCER—

(Fay 1954) Tangerine bearded peach pink. Substance and flare. \$20.00

OLA KALA—

(Sass 1943) Tall; brilliant yellow. Dykes Medal 1948. \$1.00

PARADISE PINK—

(Lapham 1950) Deep pink, with heavy coral-red beard. Award of Merit 1952. \$5.00

PINK FORMAL—

(Muhlestein 1949) Large, broad-petaled flower of salmon pink. Award of Merit 1951. \$4.00

PINK PLUME—

(Schreiner 1951) Large, orchid pink. Award of Merit 1954. \$3.00

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PINK SENSATION—

(Hall 1948) Very popular light pink. Award of Merit 1952. \$5.00

PRETENDER—

(Cook 1951) Amber yellow standards; blue purple falls. Distinct bi-color. \$10.00

PRIVATEER—

(Tompkins 1954) A smooth very fine, brilliant red self. Excellent increaser. Honorable Mention 1954. \$30.00

PORT WINE—

(Sass 1950) White and rich purple plicata. Award of Merit 1953. \$7.50

RASPBERRY RIBBON—

(Schreiner 1951) Ruffled, white and raspberry-red plicata. Honorable Mention 1951. \$7.50

SABLE NIGHT—

(Cook 1952) The sensation in "blacks." Smooth, velvety, black-red purple. A new superlative is needed to describe this variety. Award of Merit 1954. Sold out

PARTY DRESS—

(Muhlestein 1951) Clean, ruffled-edged pink. Award of Merit 1954. \$6.00

SIERRA SKIES—

(Shortman 1954) Heralded as one of the best of the new blues. Honorable Mention 1954. \$18.00

STARSHINE—

(Wills 1949) A stunning variety in Oregon in 1954. Fine form in cream with pale blue flush on the falls. Award of Merit 1951. \$4.00

STEP UP—

(Muhlestein 1952) Standards, white. Falls, light violet-blue. \$5.00

SUNSET BLAZE—

(Kleinsorge 1948) Large coppery blend. President's Cup 1949. Award of Merit 1951. \$2.00

THOTMES III—

(Kleinsorge 1950) Broad flower of glistening golden tan. Award of Merit 1953. \$7.50

(Sass 1953) Deep yellow ground plicata. Interesting and showy coloring, with red-brown markings. \$10.00

TRULY YOURS—

(Fay 1949) A huge, fascinating flower of white and yellow, with the "lace" edge. Dykes Medal 1953. \$10.00

TWENTY GRAND—

(Norton 1953) Heavy crinkled edge on a brilliant yellow blend. We like it. Not as large as Remember Me, but more colorful. \$9.00

VIOLET HARMONY—

(Lowry 1952) Fine, large violet. President's Cup 1953. Award of Merit 1954. Not for sale

WHITE PEACOCK—

(Pattison 1952) Lovely broad-petaled white of excellent substance. \$15.00

WIDE WORLD—

(Cook 1954) Large flower having white falls, and pale blue standards. Tall stalk. Not for sale

WOODMONT PLUME—

(Mitchell 1954) In the color range of Raspberry Ribbon, this huge, spreading flower is one of the most interesting new plimatatas. \$15.00

Postscript

We surely have the Iris,—
Whether several, or one or two
To fill that vacant corner
And be just right for you.
So if you're wearing pleats
On your brow today,—
Send an order off to us
And feel better right away.

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